



Public Health
Advisory Commission
of Alexandria, VA

PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY COMMISSION
Thursday January 19, 2023
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Alexandria Health Department
Held Hybrid at 4480 King Street 4th Floor and via Zoom

- I. Establishment of Quorum
- II. Approval of the December 2022 minutes
- III. Updates from the Chair
 - a. Welcome New Member Julie
 - b. Vice-Chair
- IV. Administrative Updates/Reminders
 - a. PHAC 2023 Calendar
 - b. In-Person and Virtual Meetings
 - c. FOIA and Communications
- V. Health Department Updates
 - a. Move
- VI. CHIP Update
- VII. Medicare For All
- VIII. Announcements
- IX. Public Comments
- X. Adjournment

Commission Members

- ☐ **Chair Andrew Romero**
- ☐ **Dr. Michael Trahos**
- ☐ **Richard Merritt**
- ☐ **JeanAnn Mayhan**
- ☐ **Lisa Chimento**
- ☐ **Anita McClendon**
- ☐ **Sylvia Jones**
- ☐ **Dr. Jessica Hill**
- ☐ **Patricia Rodgers**
- ☐ **Jermoe Cordts**
- ☐ **Julie Stahlhut**
- ☐ **Melissa Riddy**
- ☐ **Brian Hricik**

Alexandria Health Dept. Staff

- ☐ **Natalie Talis,**
Population Health Mgr.
- ☐ **Dr. David Rose**
Health Director
- ☐ **Casey Colzani**
Executive Secretary, Staff
Liaison



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**Minutes of the Thursday, December 15, 2022
PHAC Meeting
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Virtual via Zoom
Alexandria Health Department**

Present- Virtual	Chair - Andrew Romero (AR), Patricia Rodgers (PR) Richard Merritt (RM), JeanAnne Mayhan (JM), Anita McClendon (AMC), Sylvia Jones (SJ) Allison Minor (AM), Dr. Jessica Hill (JH), Melissa Riddy (MR), Lisa Chimento (LC), Dr. Michael Trahos (MT), Jerome Cordts (JC)
Absent (Excused)	Brian Hricik (BH)
Absent (Unexcused)	
AHD Representatives	Casey Colzani (CC), Dr. David Rose (DR)
Guests	Jonathan Krall, Julie Stahlhut, Cedar Dvorin, Jennifer Olson, Jenny Yung

I. Establishment of a Quorum

- Meeting called to order at 5:32 pm by Chair Andrew Romero (AR) role taken.

II. Approval of the October 2022 Minutes

- Allison Minor (AM) motioned to approve October 2022 minutes, Dr. Jessica Hill (JH) Second. No discussion, All in favor, motion passed

III. Updates from the Chair

- **New Member**
 - i. Jerome Cordts- 30 year Alex resident, works Mieter Non-Profit government support. Worked with city as part of CERT, supporting testing and Vaccine clinics. Previously served on PHAC.
- Updates-Protocol in emailing the group. Please do not use the reply all, Staff Liaison, Casey Colzani, will address in more detail at the next meeting about

appropriate sharing of information between members that still complies with legislation.

- Medicare for all- Jacob who was taking the lead on Medicare for all has resigned his commission position, Chair will review and the group will have a final discussion at next meeting.

IV. Updates from AHD

- Dr. David Rose (DR) AHD is preparing for "Big Move" to the colocation building with DCHS and other City Departments. Still waiting on the final move dates. Planning for possible week shutdown on services. Will provide limited mandatory services.
- Met with City regarding the budget. Requests this year have been conservative this year. Six City priorities. Supplemental requests are tied to those six priorities, focused on priority items that bridge gaps and foster collaboration between City department
- Following cases of COVID, FLU, and RSV- seeing some reduction in RSV rates. Working regionally to send respiratory health messaging.
- AHD offering 6 months-4 years Bivalent Boosters, monitoring access to ensure the community has vaccine available to them. Continue to offer MPox vaccine and support to the Community
- Discussed article regarding the inclusion in the Legislative package of Local Administration of the Health Department. The city will ask for permission from State legislation to conduct a feasibility study on local administration. Most other Northern Region Health Departments have been either Locally Administered or are currently in the process. City provides a large portion of the funding for the Health Department.
- Several members voiced their concern that City Council and AHD had not notified them of this intention prior to it going to the press.
 - i. Patricia Rodgers (PR) motioned to send a letter to Council voicing this concern, second Lisa Chimento (LC). All in favor, Motion Passed, AR will draft letter to Council.
- RM raised the question about submitted legislative package items. The items that were submitted are not specified in the currently available documents.

V. Subcommittees-

- AR briefly discussed subcommittees, will readdress the group at the next meeting.

VI. Trends in Health Outcomes and Factors in Alexandria

- RM shared his report with the group and held a discussion about the intention of providing such reports on a regular basis to City Council to keep them informed on health matters in Alexandria. Group will continue to discuss at further meetings.
- INOVA does some of this work with AHD through their Community Needs Assessments every 3-5 years.

- Dr. Rose will report on routine reporting to Council at the next meeting.

VII. Public Comment

- Jonathan Krall, with Grassroots Alexandria- Addressed commission- explained that the group had discussed with City Council. They were asked to go to the commissions to line up support.
- Cedar Dvorin, Jennifer Olson, - also in support of Medicare For All.

VIII. Adjournment

- JM motioned for meeting adjournment, LC second. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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